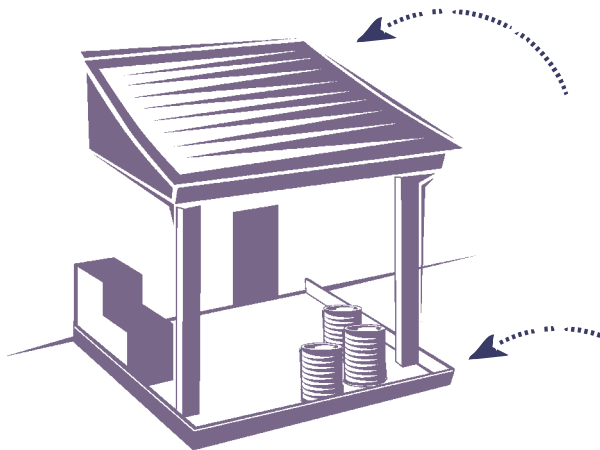


Equestrian and Stable Facilities

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES



Store materials and chemicals inside or in covered, bermed areas.

Almacene los materiales y químicos en los interiores.



Prevent animals from entering surface waters or environmentally sensitive areas.

Evite que los animales entren a las aguas superficiales o áreas sensitivas al medio ambiente.

How to Prevent Stormwater Pollution at Equestrian and Stable Facilities



Prevent wastewater from leaving property when washing down animals or their stalls. Design gutters and berms to divert runoff away from livestock area and storm drains or streams.

Para evitar que agua contaminada deje la propiedad cuando baña los animales o lava los estables, diseñe unas cunetas y plataformas para prevenir el agua de desagüe que llegue al área del ganado, desaguaderos de aguas pluviales o los arroyos.



All storage facilities and stables should be protected from rainfall and surface runoff by locating these facilities on higher ground and covering whenever possible.

Todos los almacenes y estables deben ser protegidos de la lluvia y agua de desagüe localizando estos lugares en terreno más elevado y con cubierto siempre que sea posible.

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■ Protect Our Waterways

The storm drain system, creeks and streams all help prevent flooding by carrying storm runoff from city streets and neighborhoods directly to the ocean.

Manure from stable and horse properties can have a severe impact on the environment if not handled and disposed of properly. The excess nutrients from manure that reach local streams and creeks through the storm drain system can adversely affect water quality, aquatic and streamside habitats. Corrals and pastures located next to streams are even more likely to contribute excess nutrients to these waterways if proper management steps are not taken.

■ Pollution Prevention Tips

This flyer describes steps and precautions you can take to prevent nutrients and other sources of pollution from reaching our streams, creeks, and ocean.

Prevent erosion and control drainage areas on your property. Install drainage devices such as swales, gutters, and downspouts where needed. Reduce water runoff as much as possible.

Avoid the use of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers within 100 feet of any watercourse or storm drain, or if rain is predicted within the next few days. Instead, use composted manure for soil amendment and landscape with insect-resistant native plants. Effective use of chemicals, when necessary, means applying only the amount needed and at the appropriate time.

Use native drought-resistant plants to retain soils, reduce erosion, pollution and reduce your irrigation costs. Plants in filter strips absorb some of the nutrient runoff from corrals and barns.

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Avoid locating corrals and pastures near streams that may flood.

Follow recommended setbacks and create filter strips that will protect water quality and reduce excessive nutrient flow to the waterways.

In corrals and pastures, prevent soil erosion and manure runoff from entering waterways. Drainage devices, filter strips and site rotation can all help control pollution during the rainy season.

Use manure and soiled bedding sparingly to fertilize pastures and croplands. Prevent manure from entering streams or drainage areas. To prevent storm runoff contamination, store or compost manure in covered areas or containers.

Use chemicals sparingly as a form of pest control.

To help maintain local trail systems and prevent soil erosion, avoid heavy trail use immediately after a rain. Wait until the ground is drier and safer for you and your horse.

■ Numbers to Call for More Information

Department of Toxic Substances Control (hazardous waste questions) (818) 551-2800/2830 (Duty Officer) or (800) 728-6942

Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (213) 576-6600

Check the phone book for your local wastewater treatment plant

If you have questions about this fact sheet, please call:

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